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6. Colonel Lane's questions repeatedly indicate his strong security consciousness and the awareness of the need for compartmentation in the Agency. In addition, he is continually looking for any indications of duplication.

7. Colonel Lane was impressed with a first-hand account of liaison with the FBI since he was introduced to Mr. Sam Papich of the FBI who arrived for his regular liaison visit.

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